

# PROSPECTUS OF A NEW SPIRITUAL NEWSPAPER.

It has become necessary for Spiritualism to reveal itself to man by all the appliances and agencies that can operate upon the human mind. The Mediums do their work; but, in the main, they influence only the individual who in each instance is addressed, and other agencies are wanted whereby the minds and souls of the millions can be reached at once, and they be induced to consider the great revelation which is now being made to the world.

This being the case, it is deemed expedient and important, to establish a Newspaper, which shall, in point of character, ability, and typographical appearance, commend itself to all, and satisfy the want that is now experienced. The Spiritual Manifestations now being developed, demand a vehicle of communication which all will respect; and the faster that good organs are multiplied, the better will it be for man and truth. While the world has sheets innumerable, advocating schemes of darkness, and the perishing interests of Time, it is important, nay, indispensable, that Truth should have its journals also, equal in point of mental and typographical merit to any,—which shall plead and set forth the demands and developments of Eternity.

Entertaining these views, it is proposed to publish, at an early day, in the city of Boston, a new Weekly Paper, to be called

## “THE BANNER OF LIGHT.”

As the name partially indicates, it will be the object of the paper to set forth the marvels, mysteries, and immortal truths of Spiritualism; to make known to all by whom it shall be read, the great things which are now being done in the Spirit Land, for the education, development, and progress of man; and to open to him so much of the future as is expedient for his welfare and happiness. After ages of spiritual blindness and degradation, the race have reached a point where old opinions, tenets and dogmas do not satisfy the cravings of the immortal soul; and the brilliant lights which science now kindles in the heavens, and the caverns of earth, themselves illumine and verify the facts and developments of Spiritualism. Religion and Philosophy, long divorced, must be married on earth, as they have always been married in heaven; and “THE BANNER OF LIGHT” will lend its aid, whatever it may be, in effecting the holy espousals.

The paper which it is proposed to publish, will be of a character to interest all classes, and claim the approbation both of the learned and simple. Instead of devoting itself, exclusively, to the discussion of spiritual themes, its columns will be opened for the consideration of various worldly topics; and literature, finance, politics, the arts and sciences, and all the current events and news of the day, will be discussed and set forth therein. But the great burden of all that “THE BANNER” will say, and do, will be the advancement of the cause of Spiritualism. It will be shown how the new dispensation adapts itself to the temporal, as well as eternal, wants of man; how it renders his earth-home happier and dearer than it ever was before; how he carries with him to the marts of business, to the workshop, the factory, the bar, the forum, the pulpit, and the study, the hearts and prayers of those whom he has loved on earth, but who have passed from sight, and that all his actions and thoughts are known to ten thousand witnesses who are anxious for his welfare. He will be encouraged, therefore, to dedicate his heart, his faculties and opportunities, even on earth, to the service of truth,—remembering that earth itself is but the gate of heaven.

But the doubts and difficulties which envelop Spiritualism, to the minds of many, will receive special and pointed attention. Zealous attempts will be made to remove the stumbling blocks which stand in the way of belief, and show that the manner in which Spiritualism is now commended to man, is the same which has attended every development of truth, for she always enters the Courts of Earth wearing a garb of mystery and a veil of doubt.

One pressing theme which will be constantly urged in the columns of “THE BANNER OF LIGHT,” will be the immense support which Spiritualism brings to the citadel of all truth, THE BIBLE. The skeptic utters slanders when he proclaims that the new manifestation utterly subverts what has been taught by Patriarchs, Prophets, Evangelists, Apostles, and by Him “who spake as never man spake.” For Spiritualism comes to build up, not to tear down: It comes to strengthen, not to weaken: It comes to tell a doubting, dreaming, and madly philosophic world, that the Bible is, what has always been claimed for it, *the word of God*. All that Spiritualism does, is to cast out the false offerings and idolatrous pictures which have been brought to the Cathedral of Truth. To prove that the doctrines of the Aristotelian schoolmen are not the divine principles which the Bible would inculcate; and to divest religion of the dogmatical vestments and forms, borrowed from Pagan Creeds, which have too long disfigured and caricatured revealed truth. Man must be told to look for spiritual truth, not in the logical syllogisms of creeds, nor in the cold maxims of a cruel theology, but in the Word of God alone; and Spiritualism but throws that light across the pages of the Bible, as will enable it to be read understandingly. It will be no fault of the conductors of “THE BANNER OF LIGHT,” if Spiritualism is not relieved of one of the most false and grievous charges that is made against it by worldliness and skepticism.

To the friends and proselytes, therefore, of Spiritualism, scattered through the land, (and they are now numbered by millions,) the projectors of “THE BANNER OF LIGHT” appeal for encouragement and support. It is hoped and believed that they will respond in a manner worthy of the great interests which it is proposed to advocate, and the important truths that are to be expounded. Let them aid in giving Light as good a journal as the many that now belong to Darkness.

The day-star has arisen for man. On all sides it is evident that a Spiritual Revolution is at hand; and it is the duty of man to carry out the wishes and views of higher intelligences, when they seek his advancement. Doubt, error, superstition, and infidelity, must be met with weapons of light, and the attempt, at least, be made to render earth the mirror of heaven.

“THE BANNER OF LIGHT” has not been started without careful thought and preparation. It is in obedience to voices, nay, commands from on high, that its publication has been determined upon, and every confidence is experienced that great support will be extended, from regions of light, to render it an instrument of good to man. WE KNOW THAT THIS MUST BE THE CASE, FOR THE CREDENTIALS THAT HAVE BEEN EXTENDED ADMIT OF NO DOUBT OR QUESTION. In obedience, therefore, to a company on high, “THE BANNER OF LIGHT,” is to be unfurled.

Those wishing to subscribe to the paper, will please address

BIGELOW, COLBY & CO., Room No. 7 Niles' Block,

33 SCHOOL STREET, BOSTON, Mass.

Letters of advice from individuals interested in the cause, are desired. The subscription price will be *two dollars* a year. Single copies, *five cents*. The paper will be published in a few weeks. Due notice will be given of the time. Certainly on or before the first day of June.

Give us, friends, your aid. “THE BANNER” which we bear you, will be unfurled in the cause of Truth, and we hope to bear it on to a glorious victory. Our motto is, TRUTH AND PROGRESS. And, in the spirit of the words which fable says, were written on the cross which blazed in the skies before the eyes of Constantine, *in hoc signo vinces*,—so we say, under this signal we will conquer.



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This agreement made by and between Andrew Jackson Davis of Orange N. J. of the first part and Wm. White Esq. of Boston, Mass. of the second part.

Witnesseth: That the Party of the first part in consideration of the sum hereinafter named agrees to write for the Banner of Light, weekly, an original article of not less than one column and a half.

The party of the second part in consideration of the foregoing, agrees to pay ~~the party of the first part~~ ten dollars for each and every article contributed as above stated.

It is further agreed that said articles shall be subject to the revision and decision of the Editor in Chief of the Banner of Light; also, that after the publication of such articles in the Banner they shall become the exclusive property of the said Davis.

This agreement to hold and be continued as long as it is mutually agreeable; and may be discontinued upon either party giving notice to that effect.

Witness our hands and seals this second day of September A. D. 1872

L. A. Marshall

B. Stanbury

William White Esq.

Andrew Jackson Davis



"On motion it was voted:-

To purchase from Isaac B. Rich and John W. Day, the present sole owners and proprietors of the business formerly conducted under the firm name of Colby & Rich - for and in the name, and on behalf of the Banner of Light Publishing Company - all the right, title and interest of said Rich and Day in said business, consisting of stock in trade, books, pamphlets, bound and unbound, stereotype and electrotypes plates, cuts, type proof presses, furniture and everything connected with the conduct of said business, including the subscription lists and good will of the Banner of Light newspaper, and copyrights on books and pamphlets - also the accounts due to the former firm of Colby & Rich, and to pay therefor one hundred and twenty five dollars in cash and twenty four thousand eight hundred and seventy five dollars in stock of said Corporation of its par value - the said Corporation to assume the outstanding indebtedness of the firm of Colby & Rich - and the Treasurer of the Corporation is hereby fully authorized, empowered and directed to cause said stock to be issued to said Isaac B. Rich and John W. Day, upon receipt from them of proper conveyances and assignments of said property to said Corporation".



ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR.



J. R. FRANCIS, Editor.  
40 LOOMIS STREET,

Chicago, Ill., Sep 26 1895

J. G. Tuttle

Dear Sir & Bro:

Yours of late date to hand, and  
Contents, <sup>noted</sup> I told Mr Pitman  
while here that I could not  
entertain a proposition to advance  
the price of the P.T. while light  
of truth lived. It would be  
suicidal to advance the price  
of subscription, while that paper  
is stirring around. It is said  
that Townshend has lost \$13,000  
on that paper. It undoubtedly  
has been his money that has  
enabled that paper to exist



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Mine has paid me <sup>because</sup> ~~an allowance~~  
~~that~~ I have no foreman, no  
professional proof reader in my  
office, no rent, and no general  
other things. My Circulation keeps

up very well through these  
hard times, though I am not  
looking for as good results  
as last year, Times are still  
tight in the West, and many new  
Spiritualist papers have been  
started — to die ere long.

Allow me to suggest that  
you will be forced to reconstruct  
your plan of action on the part  
of your paper. New Conditions have  
arisen.

When connected with the R.  
P. J. I could make a call for trial  
subscriptions — 25-cts for three months —  
and get within 4 months 15,000, such  
a call made at the present time by  
any of the Spiritualist papers would  
not result in 2,000. There has



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been a great Change  
and each publisher has  
got to adapt himself to the  
new Conditions. New plans  
must be evolved in order  
to strike a responsive  
Chord. The Old Religious-  
Philosophical Journal, which  
at one time had such a  
large circulation, has now  
dwindled down to nothing  
almost. What proved a  
great success when S S Jones  
lived, would now prove a flat  
failure. Times have changed



Since I started The Progressive  
Thinker six years ago — how  
much greater The Change from  
25 years ago. What would boom  
my paper at one time, will  
not ~~do so~~ now cause a ripple — all result-  
ing from changed Conditions. Happy  
is the man who can adapt him-  
self to the ever-changing Conditions, and  
he who can not do so, must  
languish or go under. The P.T.  
is as subject to them as the ground  
Old Banner of Light.

Yours fraternally, with the  
wish that you as well as  
myself, may ever be able to grasp  
all new Conditions, and ride on  
the tidal wave of success  
L. P. Francis,

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1900

Paid out

Jan.	1013.69
Feb.	1276.51
Mch.	2402.50
Apr.	1681.73
May	1503.36
June	1535.60
July -	1528.20
Aug.	1276.04
Sept.	1623.05
Oct.	1509.57
Nov.	1288.04
Dec.	982.13

17,619.82

1900

Cash Book

S. Pub-Co.	Feb 9-	214.21
"	Apr 10-	100.-
"	May 8-	100.-
		<u>414.21</u>
Feb	12	4.69

Mr Paule mch 25 - 125.-

W. Tucker, +32 Dec 31/00 190.-



1909 - Cash Book

Subscription	5331.29
Advertising	1371.15
Cash Sales	23957.84
Goods Bought	59.75
Free Pick	6.25
Accounts	6507.01
Tents	535. —
Geo A Fuller	350. —
Safe (Tanner)	200. —

Bal 16,756.29  
 1355.58

18,071.87  
 Profit 17,392.41  
 679.46

Paid out July 1/00 685.44  
 " 1/01 1315.58  
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 17,392.41

679.46  
 226.16  
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1990

Cash Books

Bal June 1/00 685.44

Dec 31/00 1315.58

Subscription	4963.19
Advertising	1501.11
Cash Sales	2840.68
God's Poor Fund	50.80
Free Circle	306.—
Accounts	7123.72
Rent	305.41
J. P. Symonds	1500.—
Carlos Huid	950.—
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	19,540.91

Paid out

17,619.82



# 1907 Cash Book

	<u>Swamp</u>	<u>adv.</u>	<u>net Sales.</u>	<u>accts</u>	<u>Rent</u>	<u>E. A. Fuller</u>	<u>S. P. Fur</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Jan	577.35	80.20	312.-	277.88	—	350.-	18.-	1615.43
Feb	371.54	217.35	184.50	347.67	80.-	200.-	3.- <small>Sale Tanner</small>	1404.06✓
Mar	346.32	98.83	231.75	611.02	55.-	—	—	1342.92✓
Apr	816.95	182.02	211.75	797.84	25.-	—	1.- <small>Chase</small>	2034.56✓
May	390.49	85.-	223.25	330.68	55.-	—	—	1084.42✓
June	334.14	20.-	134.10	423.21	30.-	—	—	941.45✓
July	295.72	54.90	130.25	485.83	55.-	—	-5.- <small>Pick</small>	1026.70✓
Aug	269.31	20.43	136.27	245.21	45.-	—	—	716.22✓
Sept	449.90	15.10	116.75	407.57	30.-	—	—	1019.26✓
Oct	391.84	396.32	231.10	550.40	25.-	—	—	1594.66✓
Nov	393.22	30.65	200.82	713.92	55.-	—	6.50	11400.11✓
Dec	694.51	170.35	283.30	1315.84	80.-	—	32.25	2576.50✓
	5331.29	1371.15	2395.84	6507.01	535.-	550.-	59.75 6.25	16756.29✓



# 1902 - Cash Book

Bal Jan 1/02 226.16  
Bal Dec 31/02 53.39

Subscriptions	4566.55
Advertising	867.28
Cash Sales	2094.25
Goods for Rent	24.10
Accounts	7009.36
Trent	477. —
Barrett & Walter Brown	550. —

Paid out

15,760.80

Bal

226.16

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53.90

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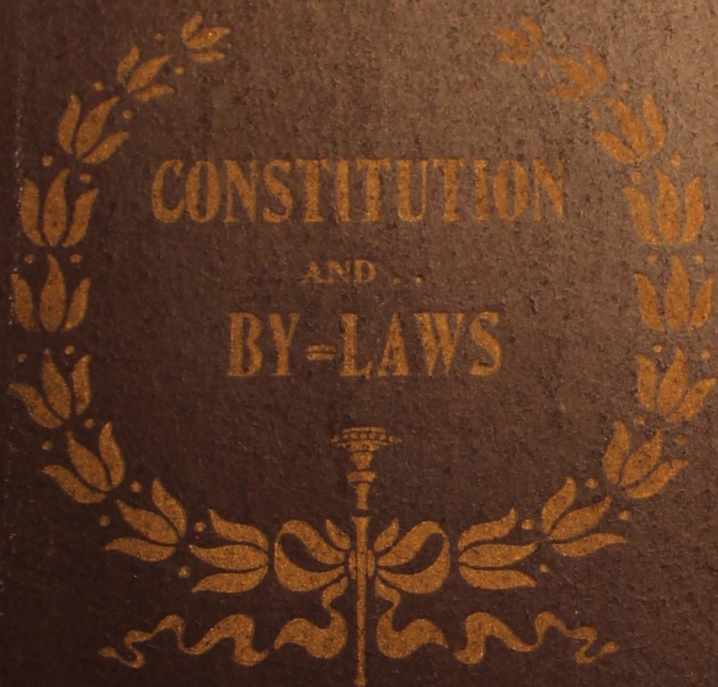
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	Subscriptions	Adv.	Cash Sales	Accounts	Rents	Good For Paid	Totals
Jan'y.	548.50	60.75	269.50	222.79	—	7.50	1115.04
Feb'y.	451.73	114.22	255. —	292.50	70. —	6.00 Free Cakes	1183.45
Mar.	473.76	72.31	250.10	615.23	78.50	27 Depend. 1500. — Cakes & Halls	2989.90
Apr.	451.89	294.72	161.25	480.98	71.91	950. —	2410.75
May	359.36	105.64	221.75	623.16	—	—	1309.91
June	333.44	49.62	225.25	448.22	—	—	1056.53
July	265.26	157.20	189.25	454.95	—	—	1060.66
Aug.	249.62	106.95	194.66	1079.93	—	—	1631.16
Sept.	351.61	76.65	231.25	565.72	—	Free Cakes 300. —	1225.23
Octo.	340.59	151.96	259.75	410.18	—	—	1462.48
Nov.	396.77	115.45	209.42	469.61	—	—	1191.25
Dec.	740.66	201.64	373.50	1460.45	85. —	3PF 4330	2904.55
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March

1897.



CONSTITUTION

AND

BY-LAWS

YOUNG PEOPLE'S  
PSYCHIC INQUIRY CLUB,

(Of the Gospel of Spirit Return Society.)





RARE BOOK  
COLLECTION



# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

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## ARTICLE I.

### NAME.

This organization shall be known as THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S PSYCHIC INQUIRY CLUB, (of The Gospel of Spirit Return Society.)

## ARTICLE II.

### OBJECTS OF THE CLUB.

*First.* To make a thorough and systematic investigation of Psychic Phenomena and Spirit Manifestations both as history and in continued revelations. In carrying out this work it shall be the practice of the Club to keep a broad outlook on the Religious World in general, noting particularly the drift of thought as bearing on the above subjects.

*Second.* To cultivate the Social qualities of its members as arranged from time to time by the Entertainment Committee (Art. IX.)

*Third.* To engage in works of Mercy and Help as brought to its attention by the Lookout Committee (Art. X, Sec. 3).

*Fourth.* To establish a Library, as the Club is able. Regulations for its management being formed by the Library Committee.



## ARTICLE III.

### MEMBERSHIP.

The members of the Club shall be of two classes, Active and Associate.

SECT. 1. Active Members shall be persons between the ages of Sixteen and Thirty-five inclusive, who desire to accomplish the objects above specified. The right to hold office and to vote on all matters of business shall be vested only in Active Membership.

SECT. 2. All persons desirous of being connected with the Club, but whose age prevents their becoming Active Members may join as Associate Members.

Associate Members share equal interests and privileges with Active Members with the exception of the right to hold office and to vote on business affairs. [If, however, to carry on the business of the Club it be found advisable to extend to Associate Members the privilege of holding office, such measure may be adopted (without prejudice from Art. III, Sect. 1)]. Persons under the age of Thirty-five may join as Associate Members if they so desire.

SECT. 3. The Pastor and Assistant Pastor shall be *ex officio* and Active Members of the club.

## ARTICLE IV.

### DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

Each member shall be willing to contribute



to the interest of the meetings by taking an active part therein, and shall endeavor to promote the welfare of the Club and its associated interests, by consenting to act on committees, and by not refusing at times, their services if requested by the Entertainment and Literary Committee (Art. X, Sect. 4).

## ARTICLE V.

### NEW MEMBERS.

The names of new members are to be submitted to the Membership Committee (Art. X, Sect. 2), who will inquire into the qualifications of the candidate and bring the matter before the club to be voted on. Persons so proposed become members on being elected by a two-thirds vote, and will be required to sign the Constitution of the Club, thereby agreeing to the articles therein defined. No person shall be refused admission to the Club without good and sufficient cause.

## ARTICLE VI.

### OFFICERS.

The Officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Librarian, who are to be chosen from among the Active Members.



## ARTICLE VII.

### DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECT. 1. PRESIDENT.—The President shall perform the usual duties pertaining to that office. He shall have especial watch over the interests of the Club, and it shall be his care to see that the different committees perform the duties devolving upon them. He shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee (Art. X, Sect. 1), and a member *ex officio* of all other committees.

SECT. 2. VICE-PRESIDENT.—In the absence of the President the Vice-President shall perform his duties.

SECT. 3. TREASURER.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep safely all moneys belonging to the club, and to pay out only such sums as shall be decided on by vote; also, to keep an accurate account of all money paid out and received.

SECT. 4. SECRETARY.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the members, and to obtain the signature to the Constitution of each newly elected person. He shall keep correct minutes of all business meetings, and a record of the regular meetings with the topics discussed, etc. He shall be prepared at regular meetings to read papers, documents, etc., and at business meetings to present a written report on the work gone over since the commencement of the last session.



It shall be the duty of the Secretary to correspond with absent members when such work does not devolve on the Lookout Committee (Art. X, Sect. 3), also, to notify persons elected to membership, offices, etc.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SECT. 1. The election of officers shall be held once every six months, at the first business meeting in March and September.

SECT. 2. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President at least one week previous to the time for electing new officers. Of this committee the Pastor and Assistant Pastor shall be members *ex officio*.

SECT. 3. When a vacancy occurs it may be filled at the next business meeting by nomination by the President and election by members present.

SECT. 4. The Vice-President shall succeed the President in office at each election of officers.

## ARTICLE IX.

### COMMITTEES.

There shall be an Executive Committee, a Membership Committee, Lookout Committee, an Entertainment Committee, a Committee on Psychic Study, a Library Committee, and such other committees as the needs of the Club shall



demand. All committees shall be appointed by the President.

## ARTICLE X.

### DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

SECT. 1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—This committee shall consist of all the Officers of the Club and the Chairman of the various Committees, also the Pastor and Assistant Pastor when necessary. The purpose of the committee is to discuss matters of business, and make reports thereon to the Club, and to consider proposed measures concerning finances.

SECT. 2. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.—It shall be the duty of this committee to bring new members into the Club, and to introduce them to the work, and to other members. This committee shall also, by personal investigation, satisfy itself as to fitness of persons to become members, and shall report upon the same.

SECT. 3. LOOKOUT COMMITTEE.—This committee shall aim to promote the welfare of the Club and its members individually, communicating with the sick or absent members, and may devise or have charge of measures of relief and beneficence.

SECT. 4. ENTERTAINMENT AND LITERARY COMMITTEE.—The duty of this committee is to provide some entertainment or reading, as a part of each regular meeting, by soliciting the services of members and friends.



SECT 5. COMMITTEE ON PSYCHIC STUDY.—This committee shall determine the topics for consideration at the regular meetings, and shall select certain members who shall obtain information on the subjects assigned to them, and shall present it at the appointed meeting. The members of the Club shall also be notified of the subject to be considered, that they may give it their thoughtful study and be prepared to discuss it intelligently.

The subjects which this committee will bring before the club for study shall be according to Article II (Objects of the Club).

SECT. 6. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—The duty of this committee is to form regulations for use of books; consider lists for additions, and such other work as may be necessary for the interests of this department. Their plans to be submitted to the Club for direction before action is taken.

## ARTICLE XI.

### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Any committee appointed for a stated purpose shall give special attention to the duties assigned and be prepared to report upon the same.

Committees may be "Special," whose duties terminate when some special work assigned them is completed; and "Standing," whose duties are continuous.



Each committee, except the Executive Committee, shall make a report at the business meetings of the Club, of the work done since the preceding meeting.

## ARTICLE XII.

### VISITORS.

Each member is entitled to bring *one person* not a member to any regular meeting.

## ARTICLE XIII.

### FINANCES.

SECT. 1. Each Active Member shall contribute the sum of Five Cents (\$.05) every week, and the Associate Members the same sum at each attendance, which money shall go to the treasury to be used to defray expenses as the Club may see fit. If more money is needed it shall be provided by special measures.

SECT. 2. Appropriations approved by the Executive Committee for necessary expenditures shall be decided upon by a two-thirds vote at any business meeting.

## ARTICLE XIV.

### MEETINGS.

SECT. 1. This Club shall hold its regular meetings every Thursday evening. The time



may be occupied in Readings, Discussions and Social Enjoyment.

SECT. 2. There shall be a business meeting once in three months, when will be read the reports of the Treasurer, Secretary and Committees, and any other business transacted. This may be a special or regular meeting.

SECT. 3. If necessary, any business may be transacted at the regular meetings.

## ARTICLE XV.

### MANUSCRIPTS, LIBRARY, ETC.

SECT. 1. All manuscripts written by members on topics discussed at its meetings shall become the property of the Club and shall be preserved in its archives.

SECT. 2. It shall be the purpose of the Club to purchase books, papers, etc., to form a Library for the use of members.

## ARTICLE XVI.

Five members shall constitute a quorum.

## ARTICLE XVII.

### AMENDMENTS, ETC.

The Club may adopt such amendments to the Constitution as may be deemed necessary. Amendments must be submitted to the Executive Committee, and if approved of, may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of those present at any business meeting.



# AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

## Y. P. P. I. CLUB.

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Article 3 is hereby amended as follows, viz.:  
Article 3 is hereby repealed and in place thereof the following shall be and is hereby substituted.

### ARTICLE III.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

SECT. 1. Any person may become a member of the Club who shall be in sympathy with its purposes as set forth in Article 2, upon being duly elected as set forth in Article 5.

SECT. 2. The Pastor and Assistant Pastor shall be members ex-officio.

SECT. 3. Any member who shall fail to pay his dues for one year shall thereby cease to be a member and his name shall be removed from the list of members of the Club, after being notified by the Secretary of the Club at least 30 days prior thereto and shall not be reinstated except by vote of the Club upon payment of one year's dues.

Article 3 is hereby amended as follows :

Section 1 is hereby repealed and in place thereof the following shall be and is hereby substituted.

SECT. 1. Each member shall contribute the sum of two dollars annually, payable in equal quarterly payments on the first Club meetings in January, April, June and October. The amount so contributed shall be paid to the Treasurer and used as the Club may direct by vote from time to time. If more money is needed, it may be provided in the manner the Club may by vote direct.











## MEMBERSHIP COM.

Miss Alice Bonney  
Miss Julia Parker  
Mr. James Herring.

## LOOKOUT.

Mrs. Mary Taylor  
Mrs. Ireland, Martha.  
Mrs. Hewitt, Carrie.

## ENTERTAINMENT

Dr. Chamberlin  
Mrs. Williams, Mable.  
Miss Ada M. Came.

## PSYCHIC STUDY

Mr. Geo. Williams  
Mrs. Carrie Hewitt  
Miss Parker.



# 1903 - Cash Book,

Subscription. 3,572.11

Advertising 1,272.93

Cash Sales 1,617.88

Gods Poor Fund 13.15

Free Ricle 5.—

Accounts. 4,446.28

Rent 527.85

F. S. Tuttle (Loan) 500.—

Est Mr Eropen Muller 373.15

H. D. Barrett (Loan) 750.—

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"Immortality,"

"Christ Question Settled,"

"Death Defeated, or the Psychic Secret of  
How to Keep Young,"

"Vaccination a Curse,"

"Travels Around the World,"

"Spiritualism vs. Materialism,"  
and various other books  
and pamphlets.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH., Mar. 14, 1903.

Mr. Fred G. Tuttle,

Boston.

My dear Brother,-

Your last received and as usual, read with more than ordinary pleasure. What I want to write you about now, is of course, personal to you and brother Barrett. It seems to me that the Banner of Light, the oldest paper of Spiritualism, and the best known throughout the world, is not up to the high water mark it ought to be either in finances or circulation, or literature, and the quality of the paper is not as good as it was five years ago. Mark well, brother, I am not finding fault. I am only saying this to you privately, as a brother, friend and co-worker. Now then, what can be done to increase the circulation and build it up to the very altitude of intellectuality, culture, and spir-  
itual efficiency. A letter from Brother F. W. Wiggin informed me a few days ago that his society was prospering, and that other societies in the vicinity of Boston were doing finely, although some few were languishing. When I was in Chicago a short time ago, Francis said that his paper circulated about 17,000. I know that the Banner is \$2 per year, but it ought to have more than 7,000, "or about" as you said when I was last in Boston.

Now then, why will not you take some one of my books - say the



"Christ Question Settled", which you published, and offer it as a premium to every new subscriber. Because of my respect for you and Brother Barrett, and the old Banner, I will cheerfully give you the plates. You know what they cost me. Would not this greatly improve the circulation of the Banner. And again, you know that for four years I was editor of the 'Western Department' of the Banner, furnishing from one to two columns each week for four years. I know, and so do you, that my articles and comments, were eagerly read, and Cephas B. Lynn said that the circulation was increased by my writing, and others said the same.

Now then, would ~~it~~ it not increase the circulation of the Banner, if it was announced that Dr. Peebles would contribute every week a column or so, in the line of spiritual truths, comments, criticisms, extracts, etc., etc. I should of course, ask you nothing for my work in that direction, for God and the good angels know that I want the Banner of Light to still be the 'Old Banner,' in progress, in growth and finance. Brother Barrett is down somewhere in Florida, otherwise I should direct this to "Barret and Tuttle". The contents are for nobody *but* ~~you~~ yourself and himself. Think it over, my dear Fred, and let us in some way get the Banner on to its old plane of circulation. Brother W. J. Colville is a warm friend of mine, but he can't edit a paper. He is too prosy - too scattering - too wordy, and so, when he lectures. I hope that Mr. Barrett will return well and strong, and devote more time to editing the Banner, and less to traveling over the wide, wide country. I am sure you will not think that I am criticising or fault-finding. I am not, for my soul object is to benefit the Banner of Light, the faithful souls connected therewith, and the cause generally. Of course this letter is only for yourself and Brother Barrett. Believe me ever,

Most sincerely yours,

*J M Peebles*

Box 2341, BATTLE CREEK, MICH.



El Paso, Texas, May 1st, 1903.

Mr. Frederick G. Tuttle,

204 Dartmouth St.,

Boston, Mass.

My dear Friend:-

I have yours of April 24th at hand. I have today written Dr. Peebles in regard to his letter, and will attend to his suggestion when I receive response. It strikes me that it might be a good campaign offer to the public to give his "The Christ Question Settled" as a premium to anyone who would secure a new subscriber for the Banner of Light. I am convinced that it is wrong policy to give premiums to new subscribers. It virtually turns down our old friends and rewards those whose favors have to be purchased. I would like a statement from you with regard to what you think of making a campaign cry for the summer in addition to this book. We ought to do something to add 1000 subscribers to the Banner from June 1st inclusive.

Kindly forward the enclosed to Mrs. Barrett and oblige. I see no reason why I should not be able to resume my post of duty by June 15th. I shall send on editorials enough for one month within the next three days. Kindly advise Mr. Colville that his services will not be needed after May 10th.

With kindest regards, believe me,

Your sincere friend,

(Signed) Harrison D. Barrett.



# Memo showing how BofL Balance stands Oct 30 - 1903

Balance in Bk for Book	37.16
PA 3 premiums on \$1000.- Life Ins. policy taken out by F. G. Tuttle when transfer was made by J. B. R.	
This item has been carried by the Co., with sanction of Mr. Barrett	301.30
Advanced W. H. D. [redacted] Loan	25.00
Due by Mrs White	16.50
P.O. orders	25.85
Checks	34.78
Cash	17.00
change	2.45
Stamps	1.95

461.99

Due F. G. Tuttle Personal	20.-
" H. D. Barrett " in his envelope	66.-
Advanced by Occult Pub. Co	100.-
Due Mr Boule for last four weeks Salaries charged and not delivered during her illness	20.-

206.00

Balance  
Exact Copy of memo found in the  
file of the Banner of Light Pub. Co  
Dec 1/03 Charles M. Rosner

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*Duplicate*  
Boston, Mass.,

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✓ Mrs. A. L. Babb,	Glenburn, Me. (renewal)	1 yr.	\$2.00
A. L. Blaisdell,	St. Mary's, Penn.	1 yr.	2.00
✓ Mrs. P. T. Beale,	Gilford, Me. (renewal)	1 yr.	2.00
T. H. Brown,	Onawa, Me. " on a/c	6 mos.	1.00
J. O. Burgess,	Sangerville, Me., R. F. D. #1 (new)	1 yr.	2.00
✓ F. A. Bishop,	Bangor, Me., R. F. D. #3 (send bill)	1 yr.	
N. P. Brown,	Carritunk, Me. (renewal)	1 yr.	2.00
Mrs. Orrin Bussell	Oldtown, Me., Box 13	1 yr.	2.00
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✓ F. H. Coy,	Monson, Me. "	1 yr.	2.00
✓ Abner Currier,	Skowhegan, Me. "	2 yrs.	4.00
Joseph M. Davis,	Newburg Village, Me. "	9 mos.	1.50
James Dodson,	W. Levant (renewal)	6 mos.	1.00
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Miss Flora Davis,	Hartland, Me. "	1 yr.	2.00
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Elbridge Ellis,	Dexter, Me.	3 mos.	.50
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✓ <i>Oliver</i> C. G. Farnum	12 Lowell St., W. Somerville, Mass.	1 yr.	43.00 \$2.00
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✓ Dr. H. E. Field,	319 Water St., Gardner, Me. (new)	1 yr.	2.00
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✓ John Hunnewell,	Madison, Me., R.F.D. #1 "	1 yr.	2.00
✓ Lucy W. Houghton,	Madison, Me. "	1 yr.	2.00
✓ Lillian A. Hunter,	Fairfield, Me. "	1 yr.	2.00
✓ C. F. Kimball,	Carmel, Me. "	1 yr.	2.00
✓ W. Kingman,	Tildon, Me. "	6 mos.	1.00
✓ Dr. John Kendall,	Skowhegan, Me. (new)	1 yr.	2.00
✓ Daniel W. King,	Bradford, Me. (renewal)	1 yr.	2.00
✓ Mrs. Wm. H. Lyons,	Augusta, Me., R.F.D. #4 "	1 yr.	2.00
✓ Dr. J. Littlefield,	Bangor, Me. "	1 yr.	2.00

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Eliza G. Lincoln,	Newport, Me.	3 mos.	\$ .50
Mrs. Abbie E. Lower,	Detriot, Me. (renewal)	1 yr.	2.00
Mrs. Lowe,	E. Mercer, Me. "	1 yr.	2.00
Cyrus L. McLaughlin,	Milo, Me. "	1 yr.	2.00
A. V. Metcalf,	Brunswick, Me. "	1 yr.	2.00
B. C. Miller	N. Newport, Me. (new)	1 yr.	2.00
Mrs. Nellie G. Morse,	Belmont, Me.	6 mos.	1.00
A. W. McGuire,	Carmel, Me.	1 yr.	2.00
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Mrs. Nellie Nisbet,	Dexter, Me. "	1 yr.	2.00
Mrs. Elizabeth A. Newton,	Jackman, Me. (new)	3 mos.	.50
Mrs. Julia Nickerson,	E. Belfast, Me.	1 yr.	2.00
C. L. Pollard,	Brunswick, Me. (renewal)	1 yr.	2.00
L. Marie Palmer,	Foxcroft, Me. "	6 mos.	1.00
M. Parks,	Bradford, N. H. "	1 yr.	2.00
Col. Stanley Plummer,	Dexter, Me. (new)	1 yr.	2.00
Adelle Porter,	Garland, Me.	1 yr.	2.00
Mrs. R. O. Parkman,	Garland, Me. (new)	3 mos.	.50
Mrs. L. P. Pratt,	Foxcroft, Me. Box 43	1 yr.	2.00
Mrs. Adeline Pease,	Stetson, Me.	1 yr.	2.00
Mrs. Oscar Prescott,	Pittsfield, Me. Box 545.	6 mos.	1.00
Martin L. Reynolds,	Augusta, Me., R.F.D. #3 (renewal)	1 yr.	2.00

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			20.00
Mrs. Louis Robinson, ✓	Autumn St., Bangor, Me. (renewal)	1 yr.	\$ 2.00
Mrs. Louis Robinson, ✓	Carmel, Me. (new)	6 mos.	1.00
John Renier, ✓	Madison, Me., R F.D.#1 (renewal)	1 yr.	2.00
Mrs. Viola A. B. Rand, ✓	Hartland, Me. "	1 yr.	2.00
F. A. Reed,	15 Granite St., St. Auburn, Me.	6 mos.	1.00
L. C. Smith, ✓	Hampden, Me.	6 mos.	1.00
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Mrs. Amelia Stevens,	Stetson, Me. "	1 yr.	2.00
Miss Etta Simonds,	Carmel, Me. Sub. ran out Mar. 1, '02		2.00
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Mrs. Vonie F. Taylor, ✓	Skowhegan, Me. (renewal)	1 yr.	2.00
Mrs. John Tracy,	Riverton, Me.	1 yr.	2.00
A. C. Waugh,	E. Corinth, Me. (renewal)	1 yr.	2.00
Mrs. Mellie Whitney,	Norridgewock, Me. "	1 yr.	2.00
W. D. Wetherbee, ✓	Etna, Me. on a/c		2.00
S. S. Woodman, ✓	Skowhegan, Me., R.F.D.#7 (renewal)	1 yr.	2.00
William Wentworth, ✓	N. Fairfield, Me. "	1 yr.	2.00
Chas. A. Wheeler, ✓	Phillips, Me. "	1 yr.	2.00
Samuel Whittamore, ✓	Skowhegan, Me., Box 460	1 yr.	2.00

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## Another Word from the Manager.

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Dear Banner Friends:—May I take this avenue of expression to answer your anxious inquiries about the future of our dear old Banner? Frankly, the business problem is not clear, nor will it be until the accountant, who is now engaged in the work of examination, makes a fuller report. But personally I am prepared to make the effort of a lifetime, with what strength is given me, to place the Banner of Light on such a firm foundation as a spiritualistic sheet that the future can never remove it from this position except by discontinuance. Frankly, from my standpoint, the prestige of the Banner, so closely interwoven with the history of modern Spiritualism, should never be allowed to become mixed with any other undertakings—for Spiritualism or an honorable death! Your kind expressions assure me this is your wish. Write me and name what you can and will do toward accomplishing this end. How we will work it out we can determine when the time comes to act, but let us declare our practical resources now. All, understand, with the purpose of making this a strong exponent of pure Spiritualism and not transferable to any personal advantage. The statements sent to you who are in arrears, I trust you will understand, are urged on your attention because we need every dollar due us for the prosecution of our immediate tasks.

Believe me, ever sincerely yours,

Irving F. Symonds.



Mr. Chase then called upon Mr. Barrett to explain about the certificates of stock.

Mr. Barrett said "The stock had been issued in small quantities; and Mr. Tuttle said he thought it would be better to have a re-issue of the stock. I signed the certificates, as President of the Company, to Mr. Tuttle and to myself; and they were issued in blocks of larger denominations than the former issue had been. Mr. Tuttle asked what he had better do with the certificates 'leave them in the safe'. He said he would do that, and would mark the old certificates 'cancelled'. He signed the certificates as Treasurer, in my presence. Mr. Tuttle said he would record them, and I understood they were recorded. The books were in the safe up to the twenty-second day of October. Mr. Tuttle was then supposed to have committed suicide. Mr. Symonds was the largest stockholder on the grounds; and he took possession. "

Mr. Barrett then had a discussion with Mr. Hosmer as to whether or not the certificates had been recorded on the books of the Company.



ALBERT W. BROWN,  
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IRVING F. SYMONDS,  
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DEAR FRIEND:—

Our Books show that your subscription to the BANNER OF LIGHT expires

A renewal of the same will be appreciated.

Remittances should be made by Post Office Money Order, Check, or Express Money Order, payable to the order of the BANNER OF LIGHT PUBLISHING COMPANY, Irving F. Symonds, Treasurer. This course will save you from possible loss in transmission.

The one great need of the BANNER OF LIGHT at this juncture is funds, AVAILABLE and IMMEDIATE funds. Every friend of the BANNER is therefore especially urged (1) to send in his subscription at once; (2) to obtain at once as many new subscribers as possible, and remit therefor immediately; (3) to lend his aid in any and every other available and practical way.

Let us all PULL TOGETHER, PULL HARD and PULL NOW. Our cause is worthy, the Banner its oldest exponent and defender. This is NOT a money making venture, and we need the continued encouragement and support of all our friends.

Fraternally yours,

BANNER OF LIGHT PUBLISHING CO.,

IRVING F. SYMONDS,

Treasurer and General Manager.



# Know all men by these presents

that *The Boston Herald* *the Banner of Liberty Publishing Company*, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of *Maine* having its usual place of business in *Boston* of *in the county of Suffolk* and Commonwealth of Massachusetts

in consideration of *Three hundred* <sup>100</sup> dollars paid by

*the Dartmouth Company* a corporation organized and existing under the laws of *Maine* having its usual place of business in said *Boston*

the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby grant, sell, transfer, and deliver unto the said

*Dartmouth Company* the following goods and chattels, namely:

*the Banner of Liberty* newspaper with all its plates, subscription list, advertising contracts, with all bills, pamphlets, maps, charts, electrotypes and other plates, copyrights, printing contracts, and type material and other and other furniture and fixtures now at its store No. 204 Dartmouth Street in said Boston or wherever the same may be situated, with all bills owing and accounts receivable and the good will of said newspaper and book business now conducted by said grantor together with its share of said building No. 204 Dartmouth Street and all other assets of said grantor whatsoever.

To have and to hold all and singular the said goods and chattels to the said

*Dartmouth Company*

and

*their successors*

executors, administrators, and assigns, to their own use and behoof forever.



And the said grantor hereby covenant with the grantee that it is the lawful owner of the said goods and chattels; that they are free from all incumbrances,

that it has good right to sell the same as aforesaid; and that it will warrant and defend the same against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

Provided nevertheless that if the said grantor, or its ~~executors, administrators, or assigns,~~ shall pay unto the grantee, or its ~~executors, administrators, or assigns,~~ the sum of thousand dollars on demand

in the said grantor from this date, with interest as stated in one note of even date signed by the said grantor, and until such payment, shall keep the said goods and chattels insured against fire in a sum not less than thousand dollars for the benefit of the grantee and its ~~executors, administrators, and assigns,~~ in such form and in such Insurance Companies as they shall approve; shall not waste or destroy the said goods and chattels, nor suffer them or any part thereof to be attached on mesne process, and shall not, except with the consent in writing of the grantee, or its representatives, attempt to sell or to remove from said place when now situate the same or any part thereof,—then this deed, as also the aforesaid note, shall be void.

But upon any default in the performance or observance of the foregoing condition, the grantee, or its ~~executors, administrators, or assigns,~~ may sell the said goods and chattels at public auction, first giving one days notice in writing of the time and place of sale to the said grantor or its representatives, ~~or publishing such notice once a week for three successive weeks in some one newspaper published in said~~. And out of the money arising from such sale the grantee, or its representatives shall be entitled to retain all sums then secured by this mortgage, whether then or thereafter payable, including all costs, charges, and expenses incurred or sustained by it or them in relation to the said property, or to discharge any claims or liens of third persons affecting the same; rendering the surplus, if any, to the said grantor or its ~~executors, administrators, or assigns.~~

And it is agreed that the grantee, or its ~~executors, administrators, or assigns,~~ or any person or persons in their behalf, may purchase at any sale made as aforesaid; and that until default in the performance or observance of the condition of this deed the said grantor ~~its~~ ~~executors, administrators, and assigns,~~ may retain possession of the above mortgaged property and may use and enjoy the same, but after such default, the grantee or those claiming under it may take immediate possession of said property, and for that purpose may, ~~as far as I can give authority therefor,~~ enter upon any premises on which said property or any part thereof may be situated, and remove the same therefrom.



In witness whereof

the said

*Banner of Light Publishing Company*  
*has caused the mortgage to be attached*  
*and its support now to be subscribed by Irving T. Diamonds, its*

day of

hereunto set

hand and seal this

*Massachusetts*

*now*  
in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety five

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in presence of

*Banner of Light Publishing Company*

by  
*J*

*Its Treasurer*

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Records of Mortgages of Personal Property in the Clerk's office of the

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Clerk.

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Boston, February 11<sup>th</sup> 1905

Pursuant to adjournment the Board of  
Directors of the Banner of Legal  
Publishing Company met at 204  
Dartmouth Street in the city of Boston  
this day at 12 M. noon,

All the members were present.

The President presided.

On motion of Mr Simmons it was  
Voted, to authorize and instruct the

Treasurer to execute and deliver to the  
Dartmouth Company a mortgage to  
secure the payment of notes held by it  
against this Company amounting  
in all to \$7657<sup>58</sup> which said



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Mortgages shall be payable on demand with  
~~interest~~ and shall cover all the property  
and assets of the Company.

Voted, to adjourn

Secretary



## THIS INDENTURE,

MADE the sixteenth

Boston February 8th, 1905.

For Value Received the Banner of Light Publishing Company, a corporation duly organized under the law of the State of Maine, hereby assigns, transfers and sets over to Frank W. Hunt Trustee, as collateral security for the payment of a note of said Company, dated February 8th, 1905 for one hundred and ninety four (194.) dollars payable in thirty days, all its claim and demand against the New York Life Insurance Company and Isaac B. Rich for three hundred (300) dollars and interest for funds of this Company illegally paid by a former Treasurer of said Company, one Frederick G. Tuttle, to said Life Insurance Company and by them illegally paid to said Rich, with the right in our name for his own benefit to collect the same by legal or equitable process or otherwise provided said note is not paid at maturity.

Banner of Light Publishing Company,

by

Irving F. Symonds  
Treasurer.



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Banner of Light Publishing Company,

by

Irving F. Symonds.  
Treasurer.



Suffolk Co. Boston, Sept. 1. 1905.

I, Irving T. Symonds on oath depose and say that I am and since March 1. 1905 have been the Treasurer of the Dartmouth Company, a Maine Corporation doing business at No 20<sup>th</sup> Dartmouth St. Boston Mass. That I was also Treasurer of the Banner of Light Publishing Company, which did business at the same place prior to selling out all its assets to the Dartmouth Company in March last; that since March 1. last there have been no funds belonging to the Banner of Light Publishing Company on deposit in the National Loan and Bank of Boston



And that at the time of the service upon  
~~the~~ said Bank of process in the suits  
of Elisha G. Selchow and John H. Rights  
and of John Lane and of R. R. Bowker  
all against the Banner of Light Publishing  
Company, there was not a dollar in  
said Bank belonging to said Banner  
of Light Publishing Company but all the  
deposit under the name of Irving T.  
Symonds, Treasurer, ~~was~~ belonged to said  
Dartmouth Company.

I hereby agree to hold said Natural  
Law Bank harmless against ~~loss~~  
all claims of the Banner of Light Publishing  
Company and its creditors under the foregoing  
deed if said Bank shall release the funds now



on deposit in my name as Treasurer.

Subscribed and sworn to  
Before me

Justice of the Peace.

PROMISOR

DATE

DUE

AMOUNT

Time Rate Interest Except

Memorandum of Notes for Discount, account of  
New England Piano Co. 601 Washington Street, Boston, Mass.

Boston

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# ABSTRACT OF CERTIFICATE OF CONDITION UNDER THE BUSINESS CORPORATION LAW

Name of Corporation, *Dartmouth Bros*

Location, *254 Dartmouth St Boston*

When Certificate was filed, *Feb. 11, 1905.*

Date of Annual Meeting, *Feb 8, 1906*

	PREFERRED STOCK	COMMON STOCK
Capital stock authorized, . . .	15000	10000.
Capital stock issued, . . .		8000
Capital stock paid in, . . .	910	8000
Par value of shares, . . .	1500.	100
Number of shares, . . .		100

## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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ASSETS	LIABILITIES
Real estate, . . . . . \$	Capital stock, . . . . . \$ 8000
Machinery, . . . . .	
Merchandise:	
Manufactures, mer-	Accounts payable, . . . 1000 -
chandise, material	Funded indebtedness, .
and stock in process,	Floating indebtedness,
Cash and debts receivable,	Surplus, . . . . .
Patent rights, . . . . .	
Trade marks, . . . . .	Profit and loss, . . . . .
Good will, . . . . .	
Profit and loss, . . . . .	
TOTAL, . . . . .	TOTAL, . . . . .

*Jan 1, 1906.*



Dartmouth Co

Jan. 1, 1906 Return made July 25/06

Merch. Manf. &c	12874.86	Cap. St.	25000
Cash & debts rec.	4000	Atch. pay	5000
Stock in Treas.	16700	Thos. Ind. &c	500
Copy rights	5000	Prof. & loss	18074.86
Good will	10000		
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INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF

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SHARES

520

Dartmouth Company.

Capital,

\$25000.


Preferred Stock.

Par Value,

\$10.00

This is to Certify, That the Veteran Spiritualists Union is entitled to five hundred and twenty (520) Shares of the Capital Stock of Dartmouth Company (Preferred Stock) transferable in person or by Attorney on the Books of said Company, on the surrender of this Certificate.

In Witness Whereof, the said Company has caused this Certificate to be signed and its Corporate Seal affixed, by its President and Treasurer, at Cambridge, this first day of October A. D. 1906,



*Wm. L. S. Meads*

*Living F. Symonds*

Treasurer.

President.




# Preamble and By-Laws

## OF THE

### VETERAN SPIRITUALISTS' UNION.

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 REALIZING the value of co-operative action by those who desire to promulgate the truths of Spiritualism and to derive the greatest benefit therefrom, we propose the formation of a society under the laws of Massachusetts, whose duty it shall be to enroll, organize and acquaint the advocates and adherents of Spiritualism; to aid, encourage and inspire those who demonstrate and declare its truths; to gather, arrange, classify and record the important facts connected with the movement and lives of those most active, earnest and able in its service; to solicit bequests and donations from all Spiritualists who desire, through its agency, to alleviate the necessities of the sick or destitute among its members; and to formulate plans for future action along lines consistent with the advance of modern thought, and to this end we propose the following charter and by-laws:

ARTICLE I Sec. 1. The name of this Association shall be The Veteran Spiritualists' Union.

SEC. 2. The officers of this Union who shall be elected annually by ballot, shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer Historian, three Auditors and five Trustees who shall be elected as follows: namely, one Trustee for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, one for five years and one each succeeding year. All officers shall constitute a Board of Directors.

Sec. 3. The President and Secretary shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees.

#### *Meetings.*

Sec. 4. The annual meeting shall be held the first Tuesday in May, at such time and place as the Directors may direct, notice thereof having been given.

Special meetings of the Union may be called upon the petition of fifteen or more members of the Union, one weeks notice being sent to each member in good standing; of the Directors on the petition of five or more members, or the President may call



a meeting of either, at such times as he may deem advisable.

*Duty of Officers.*

ART. 2. Sec. 1. President. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Union and of the Directors, sign all orders drawn on the Treasurer, and all certificates of membership, and all other documents, official conveyances or orders of the Union or Board of Directors, call meetings of the Union at the request of fifteen or more members, and of the Directors at the request of five or more Directors, and such other duties as the requirements of the office may demand.

Sec. 2. Vice-Presidents. The Vice-Presidents shall preside and otherwise perform the duties of the President (in their order of seniority) at all meetings of the Union and Directors in case of absence or inability of the President, or at his request.

*Secretary.*

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a true and correct record of the transactions of the Union and Board of Directors, countersign all orders drawn upon the Treasurer by the President, collect all dues and moneys due the Union, and pay the same over to the Treasurer as often as once in thirty days, taking receipts for same, sign all certificates of membership and conveyances, call all meetings upon the order of the President, and attend the same, shall be custodian of the seal, and attend to all other duties usually assigned to the office.

*Treasurer.*

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all moneys received and paid out, make payments only on orders of the President, countersigned by the Secretary, make full detailed accounts of all transactions of the office at the annual meeting, and at such other times as required by Board of Directors, return all moneys and papers entrusted to the office, to a successor at the expiration of term of office. All money in the hands of the Treasurer in excess of one hundred dollars shall be subject to the order of the Board of Directors.

*Trustees.*

Sec. 5. It shall be the duties of the Trustees to receive all moneys, bequests, donations and other property of the Union and invest, disburse and care for same as per order of the Directors.

*Directors.*

Sec. 6. The Board of Directors shall have the full management of the business of the Union, but shall not incur any pecuniary obligation unless there be money in the treasury to meet the same, or are empowered to do so by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Union present and voting at a meeting called for the purpose. They shall approve all claims, and author-



ize and direct the Treasurer in the payment of the same.

*Historian.*

Sec. 7. The duty of the Historian shall be to gather, arrange and classify such facts as accord with the purposes of said organization, and have the care of manuscripts, publications, books, etc., belonging to the Union.

*Auditors.*

Sec. 8. It shall be the duties of the Auditors to examine and audit the books and accounts of the Secretary, Treasurer, and all other persons entrusted with the receipts and disbursements of the funds of the Union, and report their findings in writing at the annual meeting previous to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

*Application for Membership.*

ART. 3 Sec. 1. Any person, who is an open, avowed and active Spiritualist, is eligible to membership, and may present his or her application, accompanied with the membership fee of one dollar, when the application will be voted upon by the Union, a two-thirds vote electing. In case of rejection, the money will be refunded to the applicant.

*Membership.*

Sec. 2. There shall be three degrees or classes of membership namely: Life, General and Honorary.

Life Membership shall consist of all persons who are open, avowed and active Spiritualists, and have paid into the treasury twenty-five or more dollars at one time, and have signed the By-Laws or authorized the Secretary to sign for them.

General Membership shall consist of all persons who are open, avowed and active Spiritualists paid a membership fee of one dollar, and signed the By-Laws or authorized the Secretary to sign for them.

Honorary Membership shall be conferred by vote of the Union. Voting members shall consist of all members who are square on the books and have paid the due of one dollar for the current year.

*Vacancies.*

Sec. 3. Should a vacancy occur from death, resignation or otherwise, in any of the directive offices of this Union, such vacancies may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term or until the next meeting.

*Quorum.*

Sec. 4. At all meetings of the Union, nine members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in a meeting of a Board of Directors, but less numbers may adjourn from time to time.



*Seal.*

Sec. 5. The Seal of this Union shall be circular in form, with the name of the Union and the date of its Charter engraved upon its face, so that the same can be imprinted upon paper.

*General Provisions.*

ART. 4 Sec. 1. The fiscal year of this Union shall commence on the first of April and close on the 31st of March. The official year shall commence on the first Tuesday of May and end on the Monday previous.

*Bonds.*

Sec. 2. The Secretary and Treasurer shall give bonds for the faithful discharge of their duties, in such sums as the Board of Directors deem best.

*Charges.*

ART. 5 Sec. 1. If a member commits an offence against the Union, or any member of the same, charges may be preferred against the said member by any other member, and if found guilty, they may be reprov'd, suspended or expelled.

Sec. 2. Charges against a member of this Union must be made by a member in good standing, and be definite, specific and in writing, and endorsed by two members in good standing and presented to a regular meeting, or a special meeting called for the purpose, and read in open meeting, and entered in full upon the records of the Union by the Secretary. The charges having been read, as aforesaid, they shall then be referred to a committee of three or five appointed by the President, who shall give the accused a fair, just and honorable hearing, and make a report in writing of their findings to a regular or a special meeting of the Union, when the members of the Union will consider the report of the committee, and take action as they may deem just and right to the parties concerned, by the adoption or rejection of the report of the committee.

*Amendments.*

ART. 6 Sec. 1. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular or special meeting of the Union, called for the purpose, providing the proposed amendments be inserted in the notice calling the meeting, and that two-thirds of the members present, and voting, vote in favor of the proposed amendment.

**INCORPORATED.**

Having been duly examined, approved and recorded by the Commissioner of Corporations, and having the Certificate and Seal of the Commonwealth, we are legally organized and established — made one existing corporation under the name of "The Veteran Spiritualists' Union," with the powers, rights and privileges, and subject to the limitations, duties and restrictions which by law appertain thereunto.



**P. O. Address of Treasurer**

**TAXATION OF CORPORATE FRANCHISES OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
[ACTS OF 1903, CHAPTER 437.]

SECTION 48. Every corporation shall annually, between the first and tenth days of May, make a return to the tax commissioner, under the oath of its treasurer, stating the name of the corporation and setting forth as of the first day of May of the year in which the return is made:—

1. The total authorized amount of the capital stock of the corporation; the amount issued and outstanding and the amount then paid thereon; the classes, if any, into which it is divided; the par value and number of its shares; the market value of the shares of its stock, or of each class of its stock if there are two or more classes.

2. A statement in such detail as the tax commissioner may require of the real estate, machinery, merchandise and other assets belonging to the corporation within and without the commonwealth.

3. A complete list of the stockholders of the corporation, their residences and the amount and class of stock, if more than one, belonging to each. If stock is held as collateral security, the list shall state the name and residence of the pledgor and of the pledgee.

Such return shall be filed by the tax commissioner, and shall be open only to the inspection of the tax commissioner, his clerks and assistants, and such other officers of the commonwealth as may have occasion to inspect it for the purpose of assessing or of collecting taxes.

May 10 1907.

TO WILLIAM D. T. TREFRY,  
Tax Commissioner.

I.

Treasurer of the

hereby certify

Magazine Company

on behalf of said corporation that on the first day of May, 1907, said corporation had its place of business at 17 Fayth St, Cambridge, Mass

total stock was { common or general \$ 5000

I. The total authorized amount of its capital stock was

common or general	\$ 5000
preferred	\$ 367

The amount issued and outstanding was

{	common or general	\$	3 (1/2)
	preferred	\$	

The amount then paid thereon was

{	common or general	\$
	preferred	\$

The whole number of its shares was

( common or general 50(799)  
( preferred

The par value of its shares was

{ common or general	\$	100
{ preferred	\$	

The market value of its shares was

{	common or general	\$
	preferred	\$

2. (a) The value of the real estate, machinery, merchandise and other assets owned by the corporation within and without the State was as follows:—

		ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
* Real estate	.	\$		Capital stock	.
Machinery	.			Notes payable	.
Merchandise	.		4200	Other liabilities	.
Notes	.			(giving items)	.
Bills receivable	.		500		
Cash	.				
Other assets	.		300		

(b) Property owned by the corporation situated in another State or country and subject to taxation therein:—

Real estate	.	.	.	.	\$	.....
Machinery	.	.	.	.		.....
Merchandise	.	.	.	.		.....
Other assets (giving items)	.					.....

\* (c) Securities:— This schedule should include all securities owned by the corporation, those which if owned by a natural person resident in this Commonwealth would be liable to taxation, as well as those which would not be liable to taxation.

\*The term "real estate, machinery and merchandise" is intended to cover all the tangible property of a business corporation, and the term "securities" all choses in action which would be taxable to a natural person resident in Massachusetts.

(OVER.)



Southern District of New York, to wit: No.

Be it Remembered, That on the Tenth day  
of January, Anno Domini 1870,  
Emma Stardinge of the said  
District, has deposited in this Office the title of a  
Book  
the title of which is in the words following, to wit:

Modern American Spiritualism  
A Twenty Years Record of the  
Communion Between Earth & the World of  
Spirits  
By Emma Stardinge.

the right whereof she claims as authoress & proprietress  
in conformity with an act of Congress entitled "An act to amend the  
several acts respecting copyrights."

Signed Geo. H. Betts Southern  
Clerk of the District of New York

Work deposited this day of , 18

I, J. A. R. Sheppard, Librarian of Congress, hereby certify that the within is a true copy of the original record of  
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day of November, 1875.



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copyright of Emma Wardrip  
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is hereby assigned to Messrs. Colby  
& Thich Editors of the Banner  
of Light in consideration  
of a value paid by them

Emma Wardrip Britten  
New York Nov 16<sup>th</sup>.  
1875-

Margaret Wilkinson } witness  
206 West 38<sup>th</sup> St. N. York

Colby & Thich  
Nov 1875  
at New York



Aug 4 '09

88 De Laune St.  
Kewington Park  
London.

Dear Sir

I enclose some scraps  
all of which I hope will be  
acceptable to you. One refers  
to Houdini's Mechanical  
Nightengale.

With best wishes

Yours Truly  
P. Coars.

Mr. Houdini

35-Harleyford Rd  
Vauxhall  
London

Thanks for Nottingham  
It is fine. I'm  
not see your last  
one at Stratford. I  
mistake in the date.  
Next time  
I'll be a trifle on the  
spot.  
I should not see me do  
duty "I shall see you  
back seat in the gallery  
all" when next you  
London.  
A flower is born to  
and waste its sweetness  
in air. That's me.  
But to leave poetry  
to stem matter of fact.  
I hope you have killed.  
The Confusing Collection  
British Museum.



Oct 30

Shirts - 1  
Dickies - 1  
Hdkf - 1  
vest - 1  
Socks - 4  

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Boston Feby 15<sup>th</sup> 1862

I have this day placed in the hands of Messrs William White & Co Five Boxes (5) supposed to contain Twenty five Hundred (2500) copies of a Book called "Dealings With the Dead" One Hundred and Twenty five (125) copies of a Pamphlet called the "Unresting" and Eighteen Hundred (1800) copies of a Pamphlet called "It isn't all right"—it is understood that the said William White & Co are to pay to Mrs M. J. Randolph agent and guardian for C. V., A. H. and L. J. Randolph —

For each copy of the "Dealings With the Dead" Forty cents (40) for each copy of the "Unresting" Fifteen cents and for each copy of the "It isn't all right" Six cents (6) it is understood that the above refers to all copies sold and it is also understood that the said William White & Co are to adjust the above mentioned Books free of cost to the undersigned and it is expressly understood that the said C. V., A. H. and L. J. Randolph are to assume all risks by fire or other mis

Witness  
Geo E MacNeill P. B. Randolph  
For A. H., C. V. & L. J. Randolph



To WILLIAM WHITE & CO., Dr.

1862		By 25 copies Dealings with the Dead.		
Feb. 28	25	"	"	10.00
March 8	25	"	"	10.00
10	50	"	"	20.00
13	50	"	"	20.00
18	100	"	"	40.00
25	63	"	"	25.20
27	116	"	"	46.40
April 8	100	"	"	40.00
11	100	"	"	40.00
28	100	"	"	40.00
May 13	30	"	"	20.00
28	50	"	"	20.00
June 19	50	"	"	20.00
Aug 27	40	"	"	16.00
Sept 5	40	"	"	16.00
12	40	"	"	16.00
Oct 31	50	"	"	20.00
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" 2				
" 3				



## Agreement.

This agreement made and concluded on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April. A.D. 1864, between Wm White & Co., of Boston, Mass., and Mr. E. Goddard, of South Reading, Vermont, Witnesseth, that the said Wm White & Co., for the consideration of the exclusive sale of ~~the~~ a book soon to be published in Boston, entitled "The Poet and Other Poems," by Achsa W. Sprague, do, for themselves, and each of them, for their heirs, executors administrators and assigns, covenant, promise and agree to and with the said Mr. E. Goddard, his executors, administrators and assigns, that they, the said Wm White & Co., will take the book above named from Rev. C. Ranel & Avery (the printers) as soon as it is ready for delivery, according to them at the rate of sixty five cents for each book received; that the books so received shall be sold at a price not exceeding one dollar and twenty five cents (\$1.25) per copy, each, at retail; and to the Book Trade the same shall be sold at the usual discount made by book publishers to those buying to sell again.

Further, that we, the said Wm White & Co., will advertise the book, and use all proper means, in our judgement, to bring the book favorably before the public. The said Wm White & Co. will also furnish the book at wholesale rates (not less than 25 per cent discount from the retail rates) to the said Goddard to sell again; and he and Mrs Betsey Sprague



District of Massachusetts, . . . To Wit:

DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE.

Be it Remembered, That on the *twenty third*  
day of *March* Anno Domini, 18*70*, *William*  
*White & Co.* of the said District, have deposited in this Office the  
Title of a *Book* the title of which is in the words following, to wit:

*Helen Harlow's Vow,*

By  
*Jois Waisbrooker,*  
Author of "*Alice's Suffrage for Woman,*"  
*etc, etc.*

the right whereof *he* claim as *proprietors* in conformity with an Act of  
Congress, entitled "An Act to amend the several Acts respecting Copy-Rights."

*Edward Dexter*

Clerk of the District.

[EXTRACT FROM THE COPY-RIGHT LAW OF 1831.]

"And the author or Proprietor of any such Book, Map, Chart, Musical Composition, Print, Cut, or Engraving, shall within three months from the publication of said Book, Map, Chart, Musical Composition, Print, Cut, or Engraving, deliver, or cause to be delivered, a copy of the same, to the Clerk of said District."

SECT. 5. And be it further enacted, That no person shall be entitled to the benefit of this Act, unless he shall give information of Copy-Right being secured, by causing to be inserted, in the several copies of each and every edition published, during the term secured, on the title-page, or the page immediately following, if it be a Book, or if a Map, Chart, Musical Composition, Print, Cut, or Engraving, by causing to be impressed on the face thereof, or if a volume of Maps, Charts, Music, or Engravings, upon the title or frontispiece thereof, the following words, viz: "Entered according to Act of Congress, in the year \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ in the Clerk's office of \_\_\_\_\_"

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Aug 4 '09

88 De Laune St.  
Kewington Park  
London.

Dear Sir

I enclose some scraps  
all of which I hope will be  
acceptable to you. One refers  
to Houdini's Mechanical  
Nightengale.

With best wishes

Yours Truly  
P. Evans.

Mr. Houdini

35-Harleyford Rd  
Vauxhall  
London

Thanks for Nottingham  
It is fine. I'm  
not see your last  
one at Stratford. I  
mistake in the date.  
Next time  
I'll be a trifle on the  
spot.  
I should not see me do  
duty "I shall see you  
back seat in the gallery  
all" when next you  
London.  
A flower is born to  
die and waste its sweetness  
in air. That's me.  
But to leave poetry  
to stem matter of fact.  
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ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR.



J. R. FRANCIS, Editor.  
40 LOOMIS STREET.

Chicago, Ill., Sep 26 1895

A. G. Tuttle

Dear Sir & Bro:

Yours of late date to hand, and  
Contents, <sup>noted</sup> I told Mr Pitman  
while here that I could not  
entertain a proposition to advance  
the price of the P.T. while light  
of truth lived. It would be  
prejudicial to advance the price  
of subscription, while that paper  
is stirring around. It is said  
that Townshend has lost \$13,000  
on that paper. It undoubtedly  
has been his money that has  
enabled that paper to exist <sup>and agent to</sup>



Since I started The Progressive  
Thinker six years ago — how  
much greater The change from  
25 years ago. What would boom  
my paper at one time, will  
not & now cause a ripple — all result-  
ing from changed Conditions. Happy  
is the man who can adapt him-  
self to the ever-changing Conditions, and  
he who can not do so, must  
languish or go under. The P.T.  
is as subject to them as the grain  
Old Banner of Light.

Yours fraternally, with the  
wish that you as well as  
myself, may ever be able to grasp  
all new Conditions, and ride on  
the tidal wave of success  
L. P. Francis,

Sept 26. 95

L. P. Francis



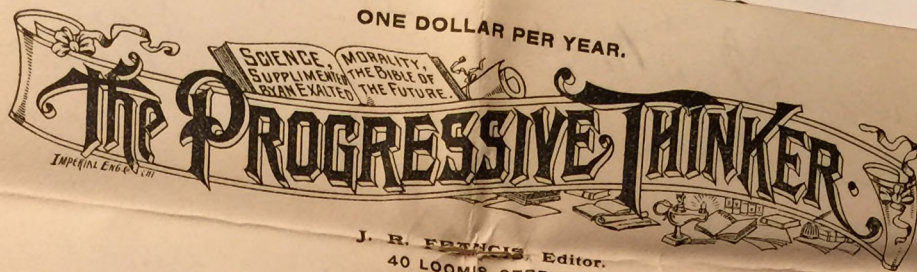
Mine has<sup>4</sup> paid me <sup>because</sup> ~~an allowance~~  
~~that~~ I have no foreman, no  
professional proof reader in my  
office, no rent, and no several  
other things. My Circulation keeps  
up very well through these  
hard times, though I am not  
looking for as good results  
as last year, Times are still  
tight in the West, and many new  
spiritualist papers have been  
started — to die ere long.

Allow me to suggest that  
you will be forced to reconstruct  
your plan of action on the part  
of your paper. New Conditions have  
arisen. When connected with the R.  
P. J. I could make a call for trial  
subscriptions — 25-cts for three months —  
and get within 4 months 15,000, such  
a call made at the present time by  
any of the Spiritualist papers would  
not result in 2,000. There has



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been a great change  
and each publisher has  
got to adapt himself to the  
new conditions. New plans  
must be evolved in order  
to strike a responsive  
chord. The Old Religious-  
Philosophical Journal, which  
at one time had such a  
large circulation, has now  
dwindled down to nothing  
almost. What proved a  
great success when S S Jones  
lived, would now prove a flat  
failure. Times have changed





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How to Keep Young,"

"Vaccination a Curse,"

"Travels Around the World,"

"Spiritualism vs. Materialism,"

and various other books  
and pamphlets.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH., Mar. 14, 1903.

Mr. Fred G. Tuttle,

Boston.

My dear Brother,-

Your last received and as usual, read with more than ordinary pleasure. What I want to write you about now, is of course, personal to you and brother Barrett. It seems to me that the Banner of Light, the oldest paper of Spiritualism, and the best known throughout the world, is not up to the high water mark it ought to be either in finances or circulation, or literature, and the quality of the paper is not as good as it was five years ago. Mark well, brother, I am not finding fault. I am only saying this to you privately, as a brother, friend and co-worker. Now then, what can be done to increase the circulation and build it up to the very altitude of intellectuality, culture, and spir-  
itual efficiency. A letter from Brother F. W. Wiggin informed me a few days ago that his society was prospering, and that other societies in the vicinity of Boston were doing finely, although some few were lan-  
guishing. When I was in Chicago a short time ago, Francis said that his paper circulated about 17,000. I know that the Banner is \$2 per year, but it ought to have more than 7,000, "or about" as you said when I was last in Boston.

Now then, why will not you take some one of my books - say the

PAPERS

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Business Correspondence  
1861-1903



"Christ Question Settled", which you published, and offer it as a premium to every new subscriber. Because of my respect for you and Brother Barrett, and the old Banner, I will cheerfully give you the plates. You know what they cost me. Would not this greatly improve the circulation of the Banner. And again, you know that for four years I was editor of the "Western Department" of the Banner, furnishing from one to two columns each week for four years. I know, and so do you, that my articles and comments, were eagerly read, and Cephas B. Lynn said that the circulation was increased by my writing, and others said the same.

Now then, would ~~it~~ it not increase the circulation of the Banner, if it was announced that Dr. Peebles would contribute every week a column or so, in the line of spiritual truths, comments, criticisms, extracts, etc., etc. I should of course, ask you nothing for my work in that direction, for God and the good angels know that I want the Banner of Light to still be the 'Old Banner,' in progress, in growth and finance. Brother Barrett is down somewhere in Florida, otherwise I should direct this to "Barret and Tuttle". The contents are for nobody ~~but~~ *but* ~~you~~ yourself and himself. Think it over, my dear Fred, and let us in some way get the Banner on to its old plane of circulation. Brother W. J. Colville is a warm friend of mine, but he can't edit a paper. He is too prosy - too scattering - too wordy, and so, when he lectures. I hope that Mr. Barrett will return well and strong, and devote more time to editing the Banner, and less to traveling over the wide, wide country. I am sure you will not think that I am criticising or fault-finding. I am not, for my soul object is to benefit the Banner of Light, the faithful souls connected therewith, and the cause generally. Of course this letter is only for yourself and Brother Barrett. Believe me ever,

Most sincerely yours,

*JMPeebles*

Box 2341, BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

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# PROSPECTUS OF A NEW SPIRITUAL NEWSPAPER.

It has become necessary for Spiritualism to reveal itself to man by all the appliances and agencies that can operate upon the human mind. The Mediums do their work; but, in the main, they influence only the individual who in each instance is addressed, and other agencies are wanted whereby the minds and souls of the millions can be reached at once, and they be induced to consider the great revelation which is now being made to the world.

This being the case, it is deemed expedient and important, to establish a Newspaper, which shall, in point of character, ability, and typographical appearance, commend itself to all, and satisfy the want that is now experienced. The Spiritual Manifestations now being developed, demand a vehicle of communication which all will respect; and the faster that good organs are multiplied, the better will it be for man and truth. While the world has sheets innumerable, advocating schemes of darkness, and the perishing interests of Time, it is important, nay, indispensable, that Truth should have its journals also, equal in point of mental and typographical merit to any,—which shall plead and set forth the demands and developments of Eternity.

Entertaining these views, it is proposed to publish, at an early day, in the city of Boston, a new Weekly Paper, to be called

## “THE BANNER OF LIGHT.”

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Boston Feb'y 15<sup>th</sup> 1862

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Witness P. B. Randolph  
Geo E MacNeill Jr A. H., C. V. & L. J. Randolph



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This agreement made and concluded on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D. 1864, between Wm White & Co., of Boston, Mass., and M. E. Goddard, of South Reading, Vermont, witnesseth, that the said Wm White & Co., for the consideration of the exclusive sale of the a book soon to be published in Boston, entitled "The Poet and Other Poems," by Achsa W. Sprague, do, for themselves, and each of them, for their heirs, executors administrators and assigns, covenant, promise and agree to and with the said M. E. Goddard, his executors, administrators and assigns, that they, the said Wm White & Co., will take the book above named from Rev. C. Rand & Avery (the printers) as soon as it is ready for delivery, accounting to them at the rate of sixty five cents for each book received; that the books so received shall be sold at a price not exceeding one dollar and twenty five cents (\$1.25) per copy, each, at retail; and to the Book Trade the same shall be sold at the usual discount made by book publishers to those buying to sell again.

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This Agreement is to continue in force till  
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the date of publication of the first edition of the  
book.

In testimony whereof, the said parties  
have hereunto set their hands and seals, the  
day and year first above written.

Signed sealed & }  
delivered in presence }  
of James L. Drayton }

Chas. C. Goddard

William White & Co.





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This agreement made by and between Andrew Jackson Davis of Orange N. J. of the first part and Wm. White Esq. of Boston, Mass. of the second part.

Witnesseth: That the Party of the first part in consideration of the sum hereinafter named agrees to write for the Banner of Light, weekly, an original article of not less than one column and a half.

The party of the second part in consideration of the foregoing, agrees to pay ~~the party of the first part~~ ten dollars for each and every article contributed as above stated.

It is further agreed that said articles shall be subject to the revision and decision of the Editor in Chief of the Banner of Light; also, that after the publication of such articles in the Banner they shall become the exclusive property of the said Davis.

This agreement to hold and be continued as long as it is mutually agreeable; and may be discontinued upon either party giving notice to that effect.

Witness our hands and seals this second day of September A. D. 1872

L. A. Marshall

B. Stanbury

William White Esq.

Andrew Jackson Davis

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Publishing contracts



Boston, February 11<sup>th</sup> 1905

Pursuant to adjournment the Board of  
Directors of the Banner of Light  
Publishing Company met at 204  
Dartmouth Street in the city of Boston

this day at 12 M. noon,

All the members were present.

The President presided.

On motion of Mr Simmons it was

Resolved, to authorize and instruct the

Treasurer to execute and deliver to the

Dartmouth Company a mortgage to

secure the payment of notes held by it

against this Company amounting

in all to \$7657<sup>58</sup> which said



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Mortgages shall be payable on demand with  
interest and shall cover all the property  
and assets of this Company.

Voted, to adjourn

Secretary



Preamble and By-Laws  
OF THE  
VETERAN SPIRITUALISTS' UNION.

EALIZING the value of co-operative action by those who desire to promulgate the truths of Spiritualism and to derive the greatest benefit therefrom, we propose the formation of a society under the laws of Massachusetts, whose duty it shall be to enroll, organize and acquaint the advocates and adherents of Spiritualism; to aid, encourage and inspire those who demonstrate and declare its truths; to gather, arrange, classify and record the important facts connected with the movement and lives of those most active, earnest and able in its service; to solicit bequests and donations from all Spiritualists who desire, through its agency, to alleviate the necessities of the sick or destitute among its members; and to formulate plans for future action along lines consistent with the advance of modern thought, and to this end we propose the following charter and by-laws:

ARTICLE I. Sec. 1. The name of this Association shall be The Veteran Spiritualists' Union.

SEC. 2. The officers of this Union who shall be elected annually by ballot, shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, three Auditors and five Trustees who shall be elected as follows: namely, one Trustee for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, one for five years and one each succeeding year. All officers shall constitute a Board of Directors.

Sec. 3. The President and Secretary shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees.

*Meetings.*

Sec. 4. The annual meeting shall be held the first Tuesday in May, at such time and place as the Directors may direct, notice thereof having been given.

Special meetings of the Union may be called upon the petition of fifteen or more members of the Union, one weeks notice being sent to each member in good standing; of the Directors on the petition of five or more members, or the President may call



a meeting of either, at such times as he may deem advisable.

#### *Duty of Officers.*

ART. 2. Sec. 1. President. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Union and of the Directors, sign all orders drawn on the Treasurer, and all certificates of membership, and all other documents, official conveyances or orders of the Union or Board of Directors, call meetings of the Union at the request of fifteen or more members, and of the Directors at the request of five or more Directors, and such other duties as the requirements of the office may demand.

Sec. 2. Vice-Presidents. The Vice-Presidents shall preside and otherwise perform the duties of the President (in their order of seniority) at all meetings of the Union and Directors in case of absence or inability of the President, or at his request.

#### *Secretary.*

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a true and correct record of the transactions of the Union and Board of Directors, countersign all orders drawn upon the Treasurer by the President, collect all dues and moneys due the Union, and pay the same over to the Treasurer as often as once in thirty days, taking receipts for same, sign all certificates of membership and conveyances, call all meetings upon the order of the President, and attend the same, shall be custodian of the seal, and attend to all other duties usually assigned to the office.

#### *Treasurer.*

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all moneys received and paid out, make payments only on orders of the President, countersigned by the Secretary, make full detailed accounts of all transactions of the office at the annual meeting, and at such other times as required by Board of Directors, return all moneys and papers entrusted to the office, to a successor at the expiration of term of office. All money in the hands of the Treasurer in excess of one hundred dollars shall be subject to the order of the Board of Directors.

#### *Trustees.*

Sec. 5. It shall be the duties of the Trustees to receive all moneys, bequests, donations and other property of the Union and invest, disburse and care for same as per order of the Directors.

#### *Directors.*

Sec. 6. The Board of Directors shall have the full management of the business of the Union, but shall not incur any pecuniary obligation unless there be money in the treasury to meet the same, or are empowered to do so by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Union present and voting at a meeting called for the purpose. They shall approve all claims, and author-

ize and direct the Treasurer in the payment of the same.

#### *Historian.*

Sec. 7. The duty of the Historian shall be to gather, arrange and classify such facts as accord with the purposes of said organization, and have the care of manuscripts, publications, books, etc., belonging to the Union.

#### *Auditors.*

Sec. 8. It shall be the duties of the Auditors to examine and audit the books and accounts of the Secretary, Treasurer, and all other persons entrusted with the receipts and disbursements of the funds of the Union, and report their findings in writing at the annual meeting previous to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

#### *Application for Membership.*

ART. 3. Sec. 1. Any person, who is an open, avowed and active Spiritualist, is eligible to membership, and may present his or her application, accompanied with the membership fee of one dollar, when the application will be voted upon by the Union, a two-thirds vote electing. In case of rejection, the money will be refunded to the applicant.

#### *Membership.*

Sec. 2. There shall be three degrees or classes of membership namely: Life, General and Honorary.

Life Membership shall consist of all persons who are open, avowed and active Spiritualists, and have paid into the treasury twenty-five or more dollars at one time, and have signed the By-Laws or authorized the Secretary to sign for them.

General Membership shall consist of all persons who are open, avowed and active Spiritualists paid a membership fee of one dollar, and signed the By-Laws or authorized the Secretary to sign for them.

Honorary Membership shall be conferred by vote of the Union. Voting members shall consist of all members who are square on the books and have paid the due of one dollar for the current year.

#### *Vacancies.*

Sec. 3. Should a vacancy occur from death, resignation or otherwise, in any of the directive offices of this Union, such vacancies may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term or until the next meeting.

#### *Quorum.*

Sec. 4. At all meetings of the Union, nine members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in a meeting of a Board of Directors, but less numbers may adjourn from time to time.



*Seal.*

Sec. 5. The Seal of this Union shall be circular in form, with the name of the Union and the date of its Charter engraved upon its face, so that the same can be imprinted upon paper.

*General Provisions.*

ART. 4 Sec. 1. The fiscal year of this Union shall commence on the first of April and close on the 31st of March. The official year shall commence on the first Tuesday of May and end on the Monday previous.

*Bonds.*

Sec. 2. The Secretary and Treasurer shall give bonds for the faithful discharge of their duties, in such sums as the Board of Directors deem best.

*Charges.*

ART. 5 Sec. 1. If a member commits an offence against the Union, or any member of the same, charges may be preferred against the said member by any other member, and if found guilty, they may be reprov'd, suspended or expelled.

Sec. 2. Charges against a member of this Union must be made by a member in good standing, and be definite, specific and in writing, and endorsed by two members in good standing and presented to a regular meeting, or a special meeting called for the purpose, and read in open meeting, and entered in full upon the records of the Union by the Secretary. The charges having been read, as aforesaid, they shall then be referred to a committee of three or five appointed by the President, who shall give the accused a fair, just and honorable hearing, and make a report in writing of their findings to a regular or a special meeting of the Union, when the members of the Union will consider the report of the committee, and take action as they may deem just and right to the parties concerned, by the adoption or rejection of the report of the committee.

*Amendments.*

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**INCORPORATED.**

Having been duly examined, approved and recorded by the Commissioner of Corporations, and having the Certificate and Seal of the Commonwealth, we are legally organized and established — made one existing corporation under the name of "The Veteran Spiritualists' Union," with the powers, rights and privileges, and subject to the limitations, duties and restrictions which by law appertain thereunto.

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John F. Simmons

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INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF

Maine

SHARES

520

Dartmouth Company

Capital,  
\$25000.

Preferred Stock.

Par Value,  
\$10.00

This is to Certify, That The Veteran Spiritualists Union is entitled to five hundred and twenty (520) Shares of the Capital Stock of Dartmouth Company (Preferred Stock) transferable in person or by Attorney on the Books of said Company, on the surrender of this Certificate.



In Witness Whereof, the said Company has caused this Certificate to be signed and its Corporate Seal affixed, by its President and Treasurer, at Cambridge, this first day of October A. D. 1906.

*John F. Simmons*

Living F. Symonds

Treasurer.

President.

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# COMPULSORY VACCINATION!

## A Message to Lovers of HEALTH and LIBERTY!

There is a law which compels the citizen, under penalty of fine or imprisonment, to submit, at the option of a political body called the "Board of Health," to inoculation with a vile and dangerous disease. To add to the enormity of this condition, those who insolently claim this power over the life and death, health and disease, of yourself and your children,

### Confess They Cannot Tell

whether their "virus" is laden with deadly germs or not, they confess they cannot tell what effect it will have upon you, and they refuse to guarantee you against life-long in jury or death.

The record of disease and death in Massachusetts caused by vaccination during the recent "scare" is terrifying.

Blood poisonings have been frequent, death not infrequent, and cases of lockjaw have increased 50-fold in the year 1901.

These infamies have been studiously kept from the public by those for whose interests, pecuniary and otherwise, it is to continue this outrage on decency, this libel on free institutions.

Vaccination as a preventive of smallpox has long been EXPOSED as a FRAUD and a DELUSION by scientists who have made it a special study, including such men as Alexander M. Ross, F. R. S. L., E. M. Crookshank, M. R. C. S., Benj. Ward Richardson, F. R. S., Prof. Alexander Wilder, Chas. Creighton, M. D. Go to the office of the State Board of Health and you will find ample proof that vaccinated people contract smallpox as well as others. Those who defend the practice have never investigated its origin; they believe in it because it has been taught them as a medical dogma, in the same way as many other medical delusions have been taught and accepted in the past.

The question before us is, what shall be done to remedy these evils? From a profound conviction that a crisis has been reached,

### The Massachusetts Anti-Compulsory Vaccination Society

was lately organized. Its objects are to arouse public sentiment; to collect facts and diffuse knowledge on the subject; to afford friends of health and justice an opportunity to band themselves together for purposes of self-protection, with a view to the repeal of this infamous law; and it earnestly calls upon all such people to join the association or aid financially in the work.

One thing is necessary — the co-operation of all who have this cause at heart. If you are disposed to aid in this reform, please address

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Jan. 1, 1906 Return made July 25/06

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Cash & debts rec.	4000
Stock in Mass.	16700
Copy rights	5000
Good will	10000
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Cap. St.	25000
Atch pay	5000
Float. indbt	500
Profits	18074.84
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